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1. YOUR SW0012 O 011515Z WAS DELIVERED TO THE CUSTOMER AT 1200 HOURS 01 FEBRUARY 1973.

2. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS PICKED UP AT 1200 HOURS 01 FEBRUARY 1973.

FEBRUARY 1, 1973

APART FROM THE U.S. MESSAGE OF JANUARY 29, THE CHINESE SIDE HAS ALSO BEEN INFORMED BY THE DRVN SIDE ABOUT THE CONVENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. THE CHINESE SIDE PREPARES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE UPON INVITATION. IT NOW SETS FORTH THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON THE CONFERENCE:

1. ACCORDING TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE 19 OF THE JANUARY 27 PARIS AGREEMENT, THE TASK OF THIS CONFERENCE IS CONFINED TO THE ISSUANCE OF A JOINT STATEMENT BY ALL PARTICIPATING PARTIES TO GUARANTEE AND RESPECT THE RELATED STIPULATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT.

FOR THIS PURPOSE, THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE CONFERENCE TO ESTABLISH ANY ORGAN.

2. THE CONFERENCE SHOULD FOLLOW THE PRINCIPLE OF UNANIMITY THROUGH CONSULTATION. IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES CHAIR THE CONFERENCE IN ROTATION.

3. THE CHINESE SIDE EXPECTS CLARIFICATION CONCERNING THE CAPACITY IN WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AND WHICH CONFORMS TO THE STIPULATIONS OF THE U.N. CHARTER.

4. THE CHINESE SIDE AGREES THAT THE CONFERENCE BE CONVENED ON FEBRUARY 26 IN PARIS.
END OF MESSAGE.

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